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See paragraph 2 below

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☒ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of three months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
 - ☐ a sequence listing
 - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
 - ☐ in written format
 - ☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
 - ☐ contained in the international application as filed.
 - ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. II Priority

1. ☒ The following document has not been furnished:

- ☐ copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43*bis*.1 and 66.7(a)).
- ☐ translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43*bis*.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2. ☐ This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43*bis*.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.
3. ☐ It has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim because a copy of the priority document was not available to the ISA at the time that the search was conducted (Rule 17.1). This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.
4. Additional observations, if necessary:

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43*bis*.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	22-28, 30-34
	No: Claims	1-21, 29, 35-39
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	22-28, 30-34
	No: Claims	1-21, 29, 35-39
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-39
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Re Item V

**Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement**

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1: EP-A-1 318 163 (SUMITOMO CHEMICAL COMPANY, LIMITED) 11 June 2003
(2003-06-11)
D2: EP-A-1 143 538 (CHISSO CORPORATION) 10 October 2001 (2001-10-10)

1. Claims 1-14

The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claims 1-14 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document) a polymer with repeating formula (1). In the case of R¹ being a phenyl group and R being cyano, keton or ester groups (page 12 last formula; page 13 first formula; page 13, line 25, first formula), the subject-matter of present application of claims 1-4 is not novel. The monomer of claims 5 and 6, the method of forming the polymer in claims 7-9 and its use in claims 10-14 are also disclosed (claims 13, 32).

2. Claims 15-21, 29, 35-39

The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claims 15-21, 29 and 35-39 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

D2 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document): a monomer (formula XVII page 9), X being a halogen and R hydrogen. The same monomer is claimed in the present application in claims 15, 16 and 29, as is the method of forming a monomer of formula VI or VII in claims 17-21 and 35-39.

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3. Claims 22-28, 30-34

D1 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 22-28 and 30-34 and shows a polymer exclusively linked in the 2- and 6-positions. The present application claims a polymer linked in the 3- and 6-position. There is no suggestion in D1 or the other prior art to change the position of the substitution in the polymer.

The subject-matter of claims 22-28 and 30-34 is therefore new and inventive (Article 33(2), (3) PCT).